Mailbox Plantings

Today on Gardening in a Minute: mailbox plantings.

Mailboxes can be a neglected part of the landscape. A well-executed planting can integrate your mailbox into your landscape design.

Plants used around a mailbox should above all be sturdy, because frequent foot traffic can beat these plantings down. Choose low-maintenance plants, as you may forget to water and fertilize your mailbox island.

Remember that a mailbox is used nearly every day, so access is important. The plants you select should be small or dwarf varieties so that you can reach into your mailbox and back out of the driveway safely.

And remember to be courteous to your mail carrier. Avoid planting anything that will attract bees or other stinging insects. Make sure plants don’t have sharp leaves or thorns, and keep them neatly trimmed.

For more information about mailbox plantings and many other gardening topics, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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